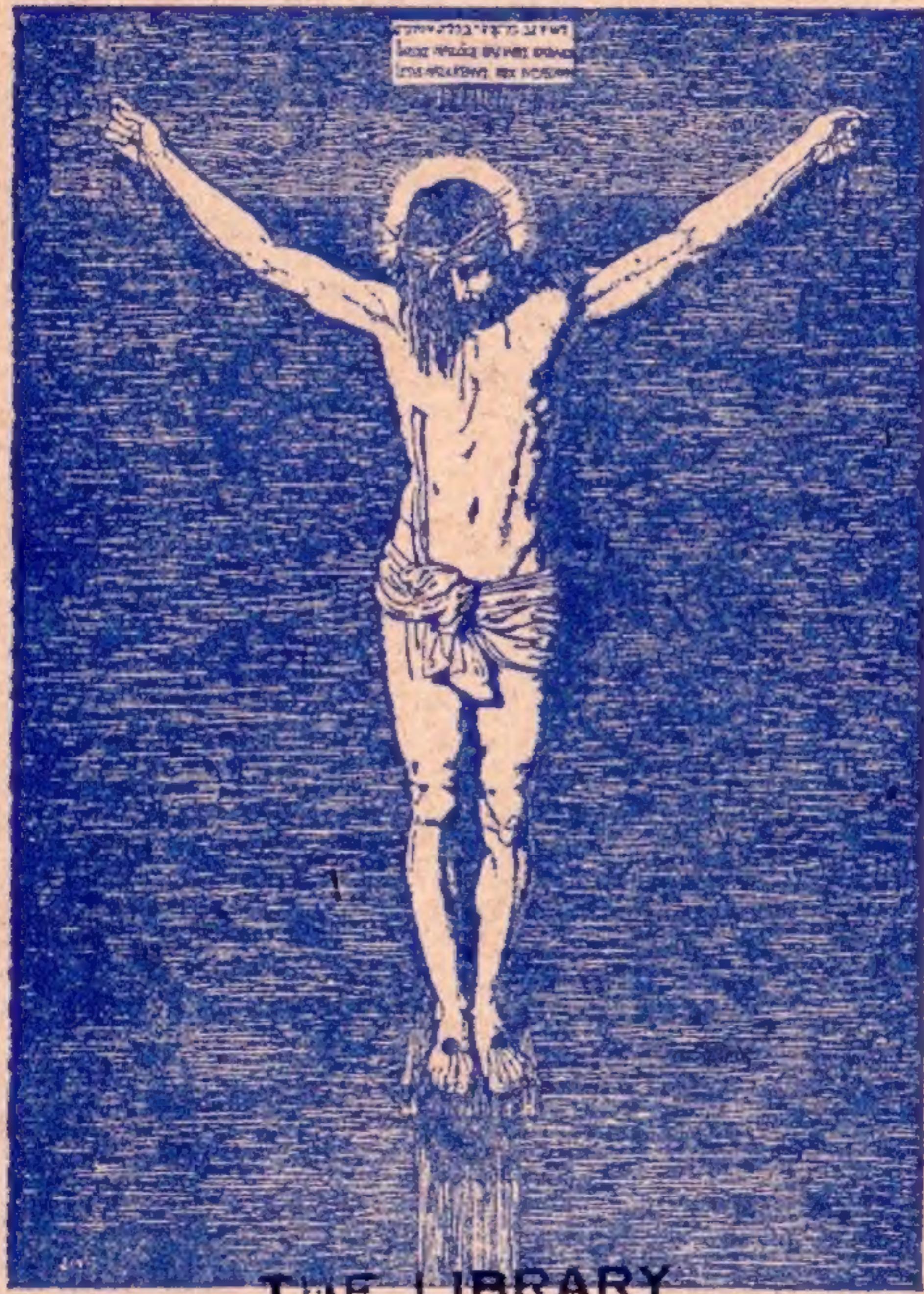


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STATIONS



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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

BEFORE THE ALTAR

O JESU, our adorable Saviour, behold us kneeling at thy feet, imploring thy mercy for ourselves and for the souls of all the faithful departed. Vouchsafe to apply to us the infinite merits of thy passion, on which we are now about to meditate. Grant that, while we trace this path of sighs and tears, our hearts may be so moved by contrition and repentance, that we may be ready to meet with joy all the sufferings and humiliations of this pilgrimage on earth.

℣ O Lord, open thou our lips.
℟ And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
℣ O God, make speed to save us.
℟ O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣ Glory be.
℟ As it was in the beginning.

BEFORE EACH STATION

Genuflect and say:

℣ We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee.
℟ Because by thy holy Cross, thou hast redeemed the world.

may be raised up like unto thy glorious Body. Grant that we who have traced this way of sorrows may be found ready to meet thee, whenever it shall please thee to call us hence.

AFTER THE LAST STATION

Ant. Christ for us became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross: Who now liveth, and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. R^g Amen.

✠ May the divine assistance remain with us always. R^g Amen.

AT THE FOURTEEN STATIONS

I. Jesus Christ is Condemned.

WE know that it was for us that thou didst suffer, O blessed Jesu. Teach us to hate our sins and to gain thy pardon.

II. Jesus Receives the Cross.

O JESU, grant us, by virtue of thy Cross, cheerfully to face the trial of our Christian calling, and to be ready to take up our cross and follow thee.

III. Jesus Falls the First Time.

O JESU, who for our sins didst bear the Cross, may the thought of thy sufferings make us watchful and save us from sin.

IV. Jesus is Met by his Mother.

O JESU, by the compassion which thou didst feel for thy Mother, have compassion on us, and give us a share in her prayers.

O Mary, remember thy sorrow and pray for us.

V. The Cross is Laid upon Simon of Cyrene.

O LORD Jesu, make us want to share thy Cross; may we never shrink from suffering but rejoice to be counted worthy to suffer for thee.

VI. The Face of Jesus is Wiped by Veronica.

O JESU, may the contemplation of thy sufferings kindle in our hearts more fervent desire to serve thee.

VII. Jesus Falls a Second Time.

O JESU, falling again under the burden of our sins, how often have we grieved thee. Make us ready to die rather than ever offend thee again.

VIII. The Women of Jerusalem Mourn for our Lord.

O LOVING Saviour, we mourn for our sins, because they caused thy sufferings. Make us hate all that is evil.

IX. Jesus Falls a Third Time.

O LORD Jesu, by the merits of this thy third most painful fall, pardon our frequent returns to sin; may the thought of thy sufferings make us to hate our sins.

X. Jesus is Stripped of His Garments.

O LORD Jesu, strip us, we beseech thee, of all false shame, conceit, and pride, and make us so to humble ourselves in this life, that we may reign with thee for ever.

XI. Jesus is Nailed to the Cross.

O JESU, nailed to the Cross, fasten our hearts there also, that sharing in thy sufferings we may see thy glory.

XII. Jesus Dies upon the Cross.

O JESU, dying on the Cross, we worship thee. In thy death we place all our hope for grace here and glory hereafter.

XIII. Jesus is Laid in the Arms of His Mother.

O MARY, blessed Mother of our God, thou bearest in thine arms thine only Son, slain for our sins. Pray for us, that, when we come to die, he may enfold us in his everlasting arms.

XIV. Jesus is Laid in the Sepulchre.

O LORD Jesu, thy body rests within the tomb. We, too, will keep our own bodies in temperance, soberness and chastity; that when thou comest to judge the world, they

Then say a prayer such as that given at each of the following Stations, and then make an act of contrition, such as:

O MY God, because thou art so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against thee, and I will not sin again.

Then say:

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.

¶ Lord, have mercy upon us.

R^g Have mercy upon us.

¶ May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. R^g Amen.

While passing between the Stations say:

FROM pain to pain, from woe to woe,
With loving hearts and footsteps slow,
To Calvary with Christ we go.

See how his precious Blood
At every Station pours;
Was ever grief like his?
Was ever sin like ours?

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